



REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended to delete the phrase "attached gingiva." Minor amendments have also been made to claims 7, 9, and 12. The word "construct" has been added to claim 7 and the word "and" has been replaced with "or" in claims 9 and 12. The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in the Official Action mailed on January 21, 2003 as being anticipated by Landsberg et al. Claim 9 has been amended to delete the phrase "attached gingiva."

CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendments and remarks are believed to fully respond to the Examiner's rejections in the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2003. The claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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